

**§ 159.8 Allowance for loss, injury, etc.**

Allowance in duties for any merchandise which is lost, stolen, destroyed, injured, abandoned, or short-shipped shall be made in accordance with the provisions of part 158 of this chapter.

**§ 159.9 Notice of liquidation and date of liquidation for formal entries.**

(a) *Bulletin notice of liquidation.* Notice of liquidation of formal entries shall be made on a bulletin notice of liquidation, Customs Form 4333.

(b) *Posting of bulletin notice.* The bulletin notice of liquidation shall be posted for the information of importers in a conspicuous place in the customhouse at the port of entry (or Customs station, when the entries listed were filed at a Customs station outside the limits of a port of entry), or shall be lodged at some other suitable place in the customhouse in such a manner that it can readily be located and consulted by all interested persons, who shall be directed to that place by a notice maintained in a conspicuous place in the customhouse stating where notices of liquidation of entries are to be found.

(c) *Date of liquidation—(1) Generally.* The bulletin notice of liquidation shall be dated with the date it is posted or lodged in the customhouse for the information of importers. This posting or lodging shall be deemed the legal evidence of liquidation. For electronic entry summaries, the date of liquidation will be the date of posting of the bulletin notice of liquidation. Customs will endeavor to provide the filer with electronic notification of this date as an informal, courtesy notice of liquidation.

(2) *Exception: Entries liquidated by operation of law.* (i) Entries liquidated by operation of law at the expiration of the time limitations prescribed in section 504, Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1504), and set out in §§ 159.11 and 159.12, shall be deemed liquidated as of the date of expiration of the appropriate statutory period.

(ii) The bulletin notice of liquidation shall be posted or lodged in the customhouse within a reasonable period after each liquidation by operation of law and shall be dated as of the date of expiration of the statutory period.

(iii) A protest under section 514, Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1514), and part 174 of this chapter shall be filed within 90 days from the date the bulletin notice of liquidation of an entry by operation of law is posted or lodged in the customhouse.

(d) *Courtesy notice of liquidation.* Customs will endeavor to provide importers or their agents with Customs Form 4333-A, "Courtesy Notice," for all entries scheduled to be liquidated or deemed liquidated by operation of law. This notice shall serve as an informal, courtesy notice and not as a direct, formal and decisive notice of liquidation.

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**§ 159.10 Notice of liquidation and date of liquidation for informal, mail, and baggage entries.**

(a) *Usual date of liquidation.* Except in the cases provided for in paragraph (b) of this section, the effective date of liquidation for informal, mail, and baggage entries shall be:

(1) The date of payment by the importer of duties due on the entry;

(2) The date of release by Customs or the postmaster when the merchandise is released under such an entry free of duty; and

(3) The date a free entry is accepted for articles released under a special permit for immediate delivery under part 142 of this chapter.

(b) *Date of liquidation when duty cannot be determined at time of entry.* When the proper rate or amount of duty cannot be determined at the time of entry because the merchandise is subject to a tariff-rate quota, because of a missing document which, if for free entry, is not produced prior to the release of the merchandise to the importer, or because of any other reason, the printed notice of liquidation appearing on the receipt issued for any money collected on the entry shall be voided. When the tariff status of the merchandise either as dutiable or free is finally ascertained it shall be noted on the entry. The effective date of liquidation shall be the date of posting or lodging of the notice of liquidation required by paragraph (c)(3) of this section.